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SUBJECT: SOVIET REPLY TO US CSCE DEMARCHE

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AT MAY 11 POLADS MEETING THAT SOVIETS REPLIED IN MOSCOW

ON MAY 3 TO US MARCH 3 DEMARCHE ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION.

2. SOVIETS TOOK HARSHER LINE THAN IN PREVIOUS US-USSR EXCHANGES AND WERE GENERALLY NEGATIVE REGARDING OUR MARCH 3 SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSULTATIONS IN VARIOUS CSCE AREAS. WE DEDUCE FROM THIS THAT SOVIETS ARE CONTENT TO MOVE SLOWLY AT PRESENT, AND ARE PERHAPS WAITING TO SEE WHAT DIRECTION US-USSR RELATIONS TAKE IN COMING MONTHS BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO ADDITIONAL STEPS RELATED TO CSCE.

3. SPECIFICALLY, SOVIETS WELCOMED US EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT FINAL ACT, CLAIMED USSR IS CARRYING OUT CSCE OBLIGATIONS, AND REGRETTED THAT US AND OTHERS ARE NOT FOLLOWING SAME CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH.

SOVIETS CATALOGUED US CSCE TRANSGRESSIONS: UNWARRENTED EMPHASIS ON BASKET III, FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE CSCE PRINCIPLES AND CONTINUED WITHHOLDING OF MFN. SOVIETS ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT NEGATIVE US ATTITUDE IN ECE DISCUSSION OF THEIR PROPOSAL FOR "PAN-EUROPEAN" CONFERENCES, AND CHARGED THAT US RADIOS, INCLUDING VOA, CONTINUE TO VIOLATE GOALS OF CSCE.

4. AS TO SUBJECTS US PROPOSED FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATION ON MARCH 3, SOVIETS EXPRESSED RELUCTANT WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS MULTIPLE EXIT/ENTRY VISAS FOR "AN ADDITIONAL CATEGORY" OF CITIZENS (E.G., EVIDENTLY BUSINESSMEN, OR STUDENTS), BUT SAID THAT US VISA ISSUANCE DELAYS OR REFUSAL OF VISAS TO SOVIETS NEEDED NO SPECIAL CONSULTATION. SOVIETS DENIED LACK OF PROGRESS IN BINATIONAL MARRIAGES AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION AS SUGGESTED IN OUR MARCH 3 DEMARCHE, AND GRUDGINGLY AGREED TO FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS. SOVIETS ALSO INDICATED THAT EXISTING US-USSR OFFICIAL CONTACTS ARE ADEQUATE IN DEALING WITH TOURISM QUESTIONS, EVIDENTLY IN RESPONSE TO PLANNED US PROGRAM TO PROVIDE WIDER INFORMATION ON TOURISM TO SOVIET CITIZENS. FINALLY, SOVIETS SAID US DECISION TO OPEN CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY CLOSED AREAS TO TRAVEL BY SOVIETS, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND OUR DESIRE IN MARCH 3 DEMARCHE FOR RECIPROCAL ACTION, "HAVE BEEN NOTED."

5. IN RESPONSE, WE NOTED THERE WERE SEVERAL POINTS IN SOVIET STATEMENT ON WHICH US INTERPRETATION DIFFERED, AND OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THE ONE ON RADIOS, WHICH WE COULD NOT ACCEPT AT ALL. NEVERTHELESS, WE WELCOMED CONTINUATION OF US-USSR DIALOGUE ON CSCE.

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